

1 This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the  
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4 **Listing of Claims:**

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6 1. (currently amended) A software version/control method comprising:  
7 assigning each of a plurality of data files to one of a plurality of specific  
8 corresponding downloadable file groups;  
9 for each downloadable file group, compressing together all assigned data  
10 files [processing each group] to form one [corresponding] processed image[s] for  
11 the downloadable file group;  
12 associating each resulting processed image with a unique identifier;  
13 generating a listing of unique identifiers;  
14 storing the processed images and the listing of unique identifiers within a  
15 [client] source device;  
16 [during an upgrade process,] comparing the listing of unique identifiers  
17 with a [downloaded latest] current listing of unique identifiers [from] of a [source]  
18 client device; and  
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20 selectively sending processed images from the source device whose unique  
21 identifiers appear[s] in the [latest] listing of unique identifiers [from the source  
22 device] but not in the current listing of unique identifiers in the client device.  
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2. (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the source device includes at least one server device.

3. (original) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein each unique identifier is derived from its corresponding processed image.

4. (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein assigning data files to downloadable file groups further includes assigning a plurality of related function data files to one downloadable file group[s].

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5. (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising [wherein storing] sending the processed image[s] and the listing of unique identifiers [within the] to a client device [further includes storing] that stores the processed image[s] and the listing of unique identifiers in a persistent memory.

6-7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for causing at least one processing unit to perform[ing steps] acts comprising:

assigning each of a plurality of data files to one of a plurality of specific corresponding downloadable file groups;

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1 for each downloadable file group, compressing together all assigned data  
2 files [processing each group] to form one [corresponding] processed image[s] for  
3 the downloadable file group;

4 associating each resulting processed image with a unique identifier;

5 generating a listing of unique identifiers;

6 storing the processed images and the listing of unique identifiers within a  
7 [client] source device;

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9 [during an upgrade process,] comparing the listing of unique identifiers  
10 with a [downloaded latest] current listing of unique identifiers [from] of a [source]  
11 client device; and

12 selectively sending processed images from the source device whose unique  
13 identifiers appear[s] in the [latest] listing of unique identifiers [from the source  
14 device] but not in the current listing of unique identifiers in the client device.

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17 9. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium as recited in  
18 Claim 8, wherein the source device includes at least one server device.

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20 10. (original) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 8,  
21 wherein each unique identifier is derived from its corresponding processed image.  
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11. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 8, wherein assigning data files to downloadable file groups further includes assigning a plurality of related function data files to one downloadable file group[s].

12. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 8, further comprising [wherein storing] sending the processed image[s] and the listing of unique identifiers [within the] to a client device [further includes storing] that stores the processed image[s] and the listing of unique identifiers in a persistent memory.

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13-14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:  
memory; and

logic coupled to the memory and operatively configured to assign each of a plurality of data files to one of a plurality of specific corresponding downloadable file groups, for each downloadable file group compress together all assigned data files to form one processed image for the downloadable file group, associate each resulting processed image with a unique identifier, store the processed images [of files] and a listing of unique identifiers [associated with each of the processed images] to the memory, and [during an upgrade process] compare the listing of unique identifiers with a [downloaded latest] current listing of unique identifiers

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1 [from a source] of a client device to identify processed images that need to be  
2 [downloaded] provided to the client device.

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4 16. (original) The apparatus as recited in Claim 15, wherein each  
5 unique identifier is derived from its corresponding processed image.

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7 17-20. (cancelled)

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10 21. (currently amended) A system comprising:

11 a network;

12 a server device operatively coupled to the network and configured to  
13 [selectively] assign each of a plurality of server-based data files to one of a  
14 plurality of specific corresponding server-based downloadable file [files to]  
15 groups, [process] for each server-based downloadable file group compress  
16 together all assigned data files to form one [corresponding] processed image[s] for  
17 the server-based downloadable file group, associate each resulting processed  
18 image with a unique identifier, and selectively output the processed images and a  
19 latest listing of unique identifiers over the network; and

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21 a client device operatively coupled to the network and configured to  
22 communicate with the server device through the network, wherein the client  
23 device is further configured to maintain a listing of unique identifiers associated  
24 with processed images stored locally within the client device, [during an upgrade  
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1 process,] compare the listing of unique identifiers with a downloaded latest listing  
2 of unique identifiers from [a source] the server device, and selectively download  
3 processed images whose unique identifiers appears in the latest listing of unique  
4 identifiers from the [source] server device but not in the listing of unique  
5 identifiers in the client device.  
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7 22. (original) The system as recited in Claim 21, wherein each  
8 unique identifier is derived from its corresponding processed image.  
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11 23. (currently amended) The system as recited in Claim 21, wherein the  
12 server device is further configured to selectively assign a plurality of related  
13 function data files to [the same] one downloadable file group.  
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15 24. (cancelled).  
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17 --25. (new) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the one processed  
18 image for the downloadable file group has a ".cim" extension.  
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21 26. (new) The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 8,  
22 wherein the one processed image for the downloadable file group has a ".cim"  
23 extension.  
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1 27. (new) The apparatus as recited in Claim 15, wherein the one  
2 processed image for the downloadable file group has a ".cim" extension.

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4 B1 28. (new) The system as recited in Claim 21, wherein the one processed  
5 image for the server-based downloadable file group has a ".cim" extension.

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8 29. (new) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable  
9 instructions for causing at least one processing unit to perform acts comprising:

10 assigning each of a plurality of data files to one of a plurality of specific  
11 corresponding downloadable file groups,

12 for each downloadable file group, compressing together all assigned data  
13 files to form one processed image for the downloadable file group;

14 associating each resulting processed image with a unique identifier;

15 generating a listing of unique identifiers; and

16 storing the processed images and the listing of unique identifiers within a  
17 source device.  
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20 30. (new) A computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 29, wherein  
21 the source device includes at least one server device.  
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24 31. (new) A computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 29, wherein  
25 each unique identifier is derived from its corresponding processed image.

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2 32. (new) A computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 29,  
3 wherein assigning data files to downloadable file groups further includes assigning  
4 a plurality of related function data files to one downloadable file group.  
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6 33. (new) A computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 29, further  
7 comprising sending the processed image and the listing of unique identifiers to a  
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